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12 October 1956

Memorandum for: Mr. Paul

Subject : Mr. Welsh's request of 5 October 1956

1. The following is a suggested paragraph for use subject to the DCI's approval, in answering Mr. Welsh's request for our estimate of BEAR production to complete the Committee's transcript:
2. "At the time of the Committee's request for information on total Soviet production of BEAR turboprop heavy bombers as of 1 April 1956, there was no agreed national intelligence estimate on this question. We have since arrived at an agreed national estimate that the USSR had produced a total of about 40 BEAR bombers as of 1 July 1956. Our agreed national estimate of probable BEAR production and strength as of mid-1959 was given to the Committee on 23 April (pg. 168 of transcript)."
3. I am attaching a thermofax copy of the statistical data on the Soviet economy which my records show were transmitted to you for relay to the Committee on 3 May 1956.

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